

REMARKS

Claims 1-23, 30-34, 37-43, and 46-55 are pending in the present application. Claim 32 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error and claims 48-55 have been added.

New Claims

New dependent claims 48-55 have been added for consideration by the Examiner. These new claims are allowable for at least the same reasons that their independent claims are allowable, as discussed in the previous response. Accordingly, it is believed that all of the claims pending in this application are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

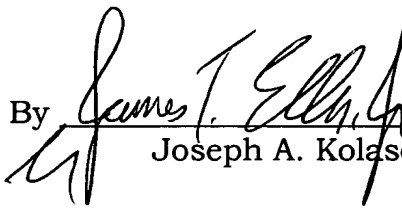
Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record and earnestly solicits an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Please contact Applicant's representative, Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) for any matters regarding this application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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